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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS SO US
SUBJ: ARMS FOR SOMALIA

REF: STATE 170041

1. TOLD FAHMY TODAY THAT YOU HAD ASKED HE BE INFORMED THAT, AFTER CONSIDERATION ALL FACTORS, INCLUDING EARLIER VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SADAT AND FAHMY, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE BE RESPONSIVE TO SOMALI REQUEST FOR SUPPLY OF ARMS BY U.S. ARMS PROVIDED WILL BE FOR DEFENSE PRESENT SOMALI BORDERS, NOT FOR USE BY SOMALI IRREGULARS IN SOMALI OGADEN. DETAILS RE NATURE, QUANTITY, TERMS, SOURCES, ETC., STILL BEING WORKED OUT AND WE ARE DISCUSSING SUBJECT WITH SOMALI GOVERNMENT. WE WISHED GOE TO HAVE EARLY WORD OF PRESIDENT'S POSITIVE DECISION, BUT ASKED THAT NOTIFICATION BE TREATED FOR TIME BEING AS CONFIDENTIAL. WE CONTINUE BELIEVE THAT A COORDINATED POLICY APPROACH IS NEEDED TO BRING ABOUT A REALIGNMENT OF SMALI FOREIGN POLICY.

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2. FAHMY, WHO HAD FEW MINUTES EARLIER DELIVERED LECTURE TO BILL MAYNES ABOUT ALLEGED FAILURE TO PERCEIVE TRUE NATURE OF SOVIET THREAT IN AFRICA, WAS PLEASED. HE UNDERTOOK INFORM SADAT AT ONCE AND WAS SURE THAT LATTER WOULD ALSO BE GRATIFIED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION. THIS GAVE ME OPPORTUNITY TO RECALL THAT SADAT HAD ONCE OFFERED TO GIVE US LIST OF MILITARY

ITEMS GOE HAS SENT TO SOMALIA. AT THE TIME, I HAD NOT TAKEN UP THE OFFER, BUT IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY DECISION IT WOULD NOW BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A COPY OF THE LIST. FAHMY UNDERTOOK ASK SADAT OR GAMASY FOR COPY.

3. FAHMY OPINED THAT ANY ARMS WE PROVIDE ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE USED BY SOMALI IRREGULARS IN OGADEN. HE THOUGHT SOMALI IRREGULARS ALREADY WELL ARMED. HE AGREED A NEED FOR COORDINATED POLICY APPROACH TO HELP REALIGN SOMALI FOREIGN POLICY AND NOTED A SOMALI VP IS SCHEDULED VISIT EGYPT NEXT WEEK OR SO. HE HAS BEEN CONSIDERING USING OCCASION TO URGE SIAD BARRE MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW SOMALI POLICY. HE WELCOMED OUR KEEPING GOE INFORMED OF OUR ARMS SUPPLY PLANS AND OFFERED DO THE SAME FOR ANYTHING THAT GOE MAY DO VIS-A-VIS SOMALIA. EILTS

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